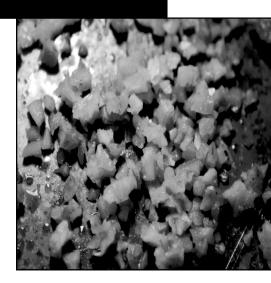
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#### **Abstract**

This Technology Verification report describes the nature and scope of an environmental evaluation of ThermoEnergy Corporation's Ammonia Recovery Process (ARP) system. The information contained in this report represents data that were collected over a 3-month pilot study. The timeframe of testing, limits the documentation of data for long-term performance of the ARP system. The data as summarized within this Evaluation Report are being made available and distributed to federal, state, and local environmental regulators and to the wastewater treatment community. The goal of this report is to provide potential users and purchasers of the ThermoEnergy ARP with the information they need to make more informed decisions about using ARP at their local treatment works.

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# **Preface**

The Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Program has been established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate the performance characteristics of innovative environmental technologies across all media and to report this objective information to the permitters, buyers, and users of environmental technology. EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) has established a five-year pilot program to evaluate alternative operating parameters and determine the overall feasibility of a technology verification program.

ETV began in October 1995 and will be evaluated through October 2000, at which time EPA will prepare a report to Congress containing the results of the pilot program and recommendations for its future operation. EPA's ETV Program, through the National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL), has partnered with the Civil Engineering Research Foundation (CERF) under an ETV Pilot Project to evaluate and verify market-ready environmental technologies. The following report describes the verification of the performance of the ThermoEnergy Ammonia Recovery Process (ARP).

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### **Acronyms**

ARP Ammonia Recovery Process

ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers

CERF Civil Engineering Research Foundation

DCS distributed control systems

ETV Environmental Technology Verification
EVTEC Environmental Technology Evaluation Center

FWENC Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation

kg kilogram

lb pound

NYC-DEP New York City Department of Environmental Protection

mg/L milligrams per liter

P&ID Process and Instrumentation Diagrams

PLC programmable logic controllers

ppm parts per million ppt precipitate

TKN Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
TSS Total Suspended Solids

USEPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WPCP Water Pollution Control Plant WWTP Wastewater Treatment Plant

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